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SUBJ: MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER

1. I HAD A CORDIAL MEETING THIS AM WITH FOREIGN MINISTER TACK ON A NUMBER OF SUBJECTS. HE WELCOMED MEETING EVEN THOUGH HE WAS GOING THROUGH LAST MINUTE PREPARATIONS FOR TRIP TO CARACAS. HE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MORE COOPERATIVE.
2. I RAISED PROBLEM OF POSSIBLE DEBATE AT LOS CONFERENCE REGARDING PARTICIPATION OF PRG AND GRUNK (REPORTED SEPTTEL). HE AGREED U S POSITION MADE SENSE AND SAID HE WOULD INSTRUCT PANAMA'S CHIEF OF DELEGATION ACCORDINGLY.
3. I NOTED SAME PROBLEM RELATIVE TO ICRC CONFERENCE ON CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS (SEE SEPTTEL). HE PROMISED TO INSTRUCT HEAD OF PANAMANIAN DELEGATION ACCORDINGLY.
4. ON INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION MEETING, I OUTLINED U S POSITION AND HE SAID HE WOULD INSTRUCT PANAMANIAN REPS TO SUPPORT US (ANOTHER SEPTTEL).

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5. I NOTED THERE WERE OTHER ITEMS I THOUGHT WE COULD

USEFULLY DISCUSS BUT SAID THEY COULD WAIT UNTIL HIS RETURN. HE SAID HE WOULD WELCOME CHANCE TO DISCUSS VARIETY OF MATTERS INFORMALLY SINCE HE HAD SEVERAL THINGS HE WISHED CONSIDER WITH ME TO GET U S VIEWS AND MY PERSONAL ADVICE. HE SAID HE WOULD CALL ON HIS RETURN. HE INDICATED HE WOULD WANT TO INCLUDE SOME TREATY-RELATED MATTERS ON HIS AGENDA.

6. TACK SAID PURPOSE OF HIS TRIP TO CARACAS (HE LEAVES TODAY AT 1300 HOURS LOCAL) WAS TO MEET WITH BOLIVARIAN FOREIGN MINISTERS TO CONSIDER CELEBRATIONS MARKING 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOLIVAR'S VICTORY AT BATTLE OF AYACUCHO. MAIN ITEM OF BUSINESS APPARENTLY WILL BE PROPOSAL FOR MEETING OF HEADS OF STATE OF ALL LATIN AMERICA. TACK SAID HE PLANNED TO BE IN CARACAS THREE DAYS. HE DID NOT INTEND TO TAKE PART IN LOS CONFERENCE AT BEGINNING BUT MIGHT GO TO CARACAS FOR CLOSING SESSIONS LATER IN YEAR.

7. INCIDENTALLY, I THANKED FOREIGN MINISTER FOR HIS RESPONSE TO OUR NOTE ON FMD CONTROLS WHICH PERMITS US TO GO FORWARD WITH JOINT PROGRAM (SEE PANAMA 3362).
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